

The petition is just wrong. XM's "local" traffic and weather stations are ALL broadcast nationally. The information is local, but the transmission is national. This is as it should be.

XM and Sirius are pushing the envelope in radio technology. The NAB is afraid of that and have filed petition 04-160 for that reason and that reason only. They are insecure and scared about their future.

I don't live in an area covered by XM's traffic and weather, but I do frequently drive to Detroit and Chicago...both of which are covered. It's a wonderful service to be able to get good up-to-the-minute reports of traffic and weather for those cities, or any of the others offered, whenever I want. To take that service away, which satellite radio customers PAY for, would be a travesty and a huge mistake!

Thank you,
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